



*Trumpington Street c1925 - 95.30*

#### Cambridge TRUMPINGTON STREET Scrapbook

See also c.21.4: Hospitals

1898 07 18

Sir - I am not a native of Cambridge but have many times had impressed on me the beauty of the town. What more could be desired, I thought, as I walked down the streets and saw the beautiful clear cool streams running by the causeway. I spend a lot of my time in Trumpington Street. Lately, however, this beautiful street has been a little "Sahara." Clouds of white dust are driving through the street all day, sufficient to choke or blind an ordinary person. On going through the side streets things are different, and the water-cart man is ever to be seen going on his weary round. These streets are over-watered and sloppy. Now whatever can be the reason for this? Yours etc "Dusty"

1902 06 29

A violent thunderstorm passed directly over Cambridge & exceedingly vivid flashes of lightning were witnessed. One was seen to strike the chimney stack of 116 York Street, a house occupied by a labourer named Charles Chapman, & several bricks fell down the chimney into the fireplace. A house at 21 Victoria Park was also struck and 250 slates dislodged. Rain descended in such torrents that the drains could not carry it away quickly enough. Several houses in Silver Street were flooded and when the Pitt Press boys left work many took off their shoes and stockings to ford Trumpington Street which was several inches under water.

1902 10 03

The police report on the Addenbrooke's Hospital fire says they found a man at the top of a ladder with his head through the trap door leading to the roof of Victoria Ward, using a small hosepipe. Shortly afterwards the firemen arrived and after much trouble, mainly through the low pressure of water, got to work, but could not extinguish the flames before the roof and contents of Victoria Ward were destroyed. Police assisted to maintain order, regulate the traffic in Trumpington Street where there was a large crowd, and remove and restore patients, many of whom were in a fainting condition

1903 07 27

Sir – a stream of water fed by Hobson's aqueduct flows down each side of Trumpington Street, Cambridge but when we have a thunder shower the road is flooded from side to side. I have just had to change the whole of my clothes after being out in the pouring rain wading nearly up to my knees in water trying to get the grates up to let the water down. But it only comes up the drains in cellars all around and takes the householder in the rear while he is battling with the floods outside. Twice in the last six years our cellar kitchen has been full of foul water up to the ceiling, leaving behind an unwholesome smell for months – B.A.

1905 11 18

Mr G. Shepherd, landlord of the Light Dragoon public house in Panton Street, Cambridge, was awakened by a smell of burning and found a cupboard in the bar parlour was on fire. He called P.C. Sirett, who was on his way to the police station, and while another man ran to the Trumpington Street alarm to signal the fire brigade the landlord and police constable set to work with buckets of water to extinguish the flames. Meanwhile Captain Greed and twelve firemen with the horsed fire escape were making all speed to the scene when they were accosted with the message that the fire was extinguished. 05 11 18a

1908 02 18

'Honest John' Burford embarked in the business of manufacturing perambulators and hard cash rolled into keep him in comfort. After he retired from the profitable premises in Trumpington Street his energy demanded an outlet which it found in public work. He was a Guardian of the Poor, Town Councillor, a keen supporter of Temperance, Sturton Town Liberals and the Salvation Army. But his chief hobby was the Cambridge Tramways Company; no company ever had a more devoted Director who worked hard for the dividends of the shareholder. Cambridge is the poorer because of his death but richer because of his life, said the Mayor. 08 02 18 & a & b

## **1910**

1911 07 21

The Little Rose in Trumpington Street was close to Addenbrooke's Hospital and the landlord believed that no matter what time of the day it was on a Sunday, if anybody came and said they had been to the Hospital he was perfectly justified in serving them liquor. If they had come from a longer distance than that required by law this was quite right. But a policeman said he had watched two men who neither came from or went to the Hospital and had been served with a drink. Next time anybody was brought to court they would be severely dealt with. 11 07 21

1912 03 08

A mock funeral started from the "corpse's" lodging in Lensfield Road. There was a long line of taxis, hansoms and even four-wheelers stretching some distance down Trumpington Street. There was no elaborate "hearse" as in previous funerals: the body was placed quite simply in a hansom bearing the words "Alas! My poor brother" and smoked cigars throughout. His "cabby's" hat was draped with crepe while the majority of the fancifully-dressed mourned wore complimentary black-eyes out of respect for the 'deceased'. There were an extraordinary number of "flappers" – quite stunning flappers some of them were too. One of the best was a suffragette and Mrs Pankhurst also figured in the procession. 12 03 08

1913 06 20

A servant of Trinity College, employed as a Gyp, died suddenly on the staircase at Whewell's Court. A Porter saw him standing on the carpet fetching up blood, then start to go to the gyp room to get a cup of water, but he could not manage it. The job was an active one, involving a lot of running up and down staircases and he had been advised not to over-exert himself. A few weeks ago he'd attempted to stop a runaway horse drawing a trap containing several children in Trumpington Street and the exertion probably hastened his death. 13 06 20 p8

1913 08 08

Mr E. Saville Peck was honoured by the British Society Pharmacists for whom secretary. He'd been apprentice to his father in the old-established pharmacists in Trumpington Street. At present there are no less than four apprentices in his employ. They are allowed access to his own analytical laboratory and allowed to use all solutions except a few reserved for his own use. He does his best to turn out apprentices fully equipped with theoretical and practical knowledge 13 08 08 p4 CIP

1913 09 19

Branch fall Trumpington Street\*

## **1920**

1924 01 22

Councillor Gentle raised the question of the removal of the tram rails along King's Parade and Trumpington Street, Cambridge. He had had complaints, and their removal would give employment. Alderman Stanley said that if one was cycling along the Parade the rails made it most dangerous. The reason they were not taken up was because King's Parade was a new round, and it would be a waste of money to do it now. They desired to wait until the road needed substantial repair and then do the work.

1925 10 19

A comprehensive scheme for the provision of parking places in Cambridge will be laid before the Town Council who are empowered to authorise any part of a street as a parking place, though no charge can be made for parking cars in the public streets. Sites include Trumpington Street opposite the Leys School, Maids' Causeway, Lensfield Road, King Street & Jesus Lane. In Pound Hill it is proposed to allocate space for parking motor buses from St Neots and St Ives

## **1930**

1931 04 17

The driver of a motor lorry from Brixton had an accident in Trumpington Street. He was unaware of the 'run' at the side of the road and drew a little too far to the left. The rear wheels of the lorry dropped into the run and the top of the vehicle struck the ventilating shaft on the kerb beside the Fitzwilliam Museum. The tall shaft was snapped off short at the base and fell with a crash into the road, knocking the top of the adjacent lampposts in its fall. The broken shaft was removed on one of the Council's big steam lorries. 31 04 17d

1932 04 16

St Catharine's was one of the colleges whose elaborate extension schemes met with a setback through the war. There was to have been a full elevation to Trumpington Street with a completely enclosed court beyond. Now the porter's lodge will be replaced, the cobbles removed and the whole area sown with grass to give a more balanced frontage. It is eight years since that the elm trees, which formed a grove, were cut down. 32 04 16

1933 09 14

Sir – in my old curiosity shop in Trumpington Street I have formed a museum of prison, punishment and other interesting relics, many of which have come from our old Cambridge prisons. They include the clothes, mask, pistol and spurs of Dick Turpin which were left at the Three Tuns Inn, Castle Hill, on the eve of January 12th 1739. I would welcome any items connected with village punishment or an old police uniform with the beaver top hat – E. Rutter. 33 09 14

1934 01 06

Mr E. Rutter of the 'Olde Curiosity Shoppe', Trumpington Street, has purchased a razor which belonged to King George III. It will be added to his other 200 interesting relics that include a Bible dated 1633 which has covers worked in needlework by King Charles I's wife and a pair of very fine

silk stockings bearing the royal crown, which were worn by Queen Victoria. He also has a warrant issued by Oliver Cromwell and a cockade worn by Lord Nelson. He attempted to buy the Eton flogging book but that sold for the remarkable sum of £450. 34 01 06

1934 06 30

Two of W.B. Redfern's collection of Cromwellian relics have returned to Cambridge. A pair of grey gauntlets and a pair of spectacles in their original fish skin case which belonged to Oliver Cromwell were purchased by Edwin Rutter and added to his museum at the Old Curiosity Shop on Trumpington Street. 34 06 30

1934 11 17

Oliver Cromwell's hat is to stay in Cambridge. When put up for auction last April it was withdrawn at £25. But now it has been purchased by Mr E. Rutter of Ye Olde Curiosity Shop and Museum, Trumpington Street. The hat has a very large flat brim and tapering crown. It has been handed down through several generations of the Constable family who ran a very old established hat maker's business where Cromwell left the hat when he was up at Sidney Sussex College. It will be placed alongside other Cromwell relics including his gauntlet gloves and spectacles. 34 11 17c

1935 05 13

The number employed by the Disabled Persons Workshop has varied from 9 to 10; two are doing piece work in their homes, not being able to attend at the shop. Unfortunately three who are employed are not eligible for the deficiency grants from the Ministry of Labour which has hit the income. It has been a disturbed year owing to the difficulty of finding suitable premises in Cambridge for a shop. The workshops in Gloucester Street are out of the way and they had to leave Peas Hill because of demolitions, meaning there was nowhere to sell their goods. The new premises in Trumpington Street are outside the shopping centre and the rents and rates are a strain 35 05 13

1935 11 26

Cambridge Disabled Soldiers' Workshop had been through a difficult period. The largest number of men in the workshop was 12 and at present there were only seven, none of which were complete in their bodies. One had lost his leg in the South African War. The shop in Trumpington Street was not in so good a situation as at Peas Hill and they did not get the streams of passing undergraduates. We should never forget the men who had served, suffered and saved our country through its years of dire peril. 35 11 26

1936 01 30

Benjamin Rayment was first apprenticed to the shoemaking trade at a shop in Trumpington Street but decided to try his fortune elsewhere. He walked to Birmingham for work before entering the hat industry in Luton when the first hat-blocking machine was introduced from America. He returned to Cambridge and carried on business in Burleigh Street as a straw and felt hat maker for close on 70 years. When the straw hat industry was in its prime he used to supply 'boaters' to most of the University shops in the town. He had a wonderful memory with recollections of the Crimean War, the Chartist Riots and the great exhibition in Hyde Park and died in his 100th year. 36 01 30

1936 03 27

E. Saville Peck said he had not wanted to become a pharmacist as he was always afraid of poisons. But he had carried on the business founded by his father in 1851. He had met some eminent Cambridge doctors including Sir George Humphrey, who frequently had a chat over the counter at 30 Trumpington Street. 36 03 27a & b

1939 09 02

An important announcement from Cambridge bakers. As new Acts have been applied to the baking trade, Master Bakers have agreed to provide a shorter working week for employees. We have decided not to bake or deliver bread on Thursdays. Signed: J. Harwood of Derby St, W.H. Pratt of Halifax

Road, G.P. Hawkins of Parsonage Street, A.E. Mason of Trumpington Street together with Tylers, Maskell, Markillie, Horspool, Summerlin and over 20 other bakers. [advert] 39 09 02a

## **1940**

1942 11 04

Mrs Roosevelt, American First Lady comes to Cambridge, visits Bull Hotel, W.V.S. – 42 11 04a, b, 42 11 05b, 42 11 07

1943 02 13

Bull hotel formally handed over to American Red Cross as leave centre – 43 02 13

1943 02 22

Pictorial impressions of the big parade – Wardens march past Kings, showing blacked out windows and water tank, Home Guard pass Fitzwilliam Museum, A.T.S. band pass Bull Hotel – 42 02 22, a-c

1943 10 29

Duchess Visits Hospital. An addition to the programme arranged for the Duchess of Kent's visit to Cambridge on Tuesday afternoon was a call at the American Red Cross hostel at the Bull Hotel. Earlier, after visits to Addenbrooke's Hospital and The Leys Annexe, the Duchess had tea with workers in their canteen at the new Falcon Club in Petty Cury. Her Royal Highness chatted with hospital patients, workers and American soldiers at the U.S. hostel in the course of her tour. She was accompanied by Lady Rachel Davidson. During the Duchess's visit to the children's wards at Addenbrooke's the behaviour of the little ones was exemplary

1945 01 05

Runaway Pony. At about 11.20 a.m. on Tuesday a pony and trap was left outside Messrs Holland and Blackwell's shop in Pembroke Street, when the pony took fright. It turned into Trumpington Street and ran towards King's Parade land at the corner of Bene't Street and King's Parade struck a lamp standard. The trap and harness were damaged, and the pony having freed itself, ran along King's Parade and Trinity Street, being finally stopped uninjured in St. John's Street, It caused no further damage.

1945 08 22

How Cambridge entertained Americans – Supervisor of Hospitality for American Red Cross at Bull hotel; problems of arranging hostesses for some of the shy lads, one wanted to see polo ponies, 'good-time boys' – 45 08 22

1946 01 12

Anglo-American Hospitality Committee wound up' started in 1942 when known that more than 300,000 American airmen would be stationed in East Anglia. Leave hostel established in lecture room over St Andrew's Street Baptist church until the Bull Hotel opened on Nov 4th. By then an information centre – later club – had been opened at the English-Soaking Union at Matthew's Café. Hospitality arranged in colleges and private houses. August 1943 saw first reception at Guildhall to a regiment of Supply Troops; also Christmas Eve party in Guildhall which broadcast. Concentrated on US Hospital patients and staff of their hospitals. Garden party at Pembroke when Freedom of Cambridge to US Eighth Air Force. – 46 01 12

1947 10 04

A bus driver who allowed his sympathy to exceed his caution was fined a total of £6 when he appeared before the Cambridge Petty sessions. PC Bert Patton was on patrol duty at 6.30 pm when he saw the single decker Premier Travel bus in Trumpington Street. He noticed it was a twenty seater being used as an express carriage. Besides those seated there were 20 adult passengers standing. Several more were sitting on the steps at the entrance, and on the right of the driver there was a passenger sitting on the emergency door, the window of which was open. The body of this passenger

was protruding outside the bus for a distance of nine inches. The constable allowed the defendant to drive the vehicle to Drummer Street so as not to inconvenience the passengers. Here he pointed out that the vehicle was being used as an express carriage and there should have been no people standing. To this the driver replied "Well, you cannot very well leave them behind"

1949 03 14

Sir – the trouble with the Four Lamps roundabout is its bad design. It was put down many years ago and allows traffic to approach at too fast a rate. The new roundabouts on Chesterton road with its beautiful flower gardens and the one where Lensfield joins Trumpington Road are of better design because they slow all traffic down to walking pace. A much greater terror is that most insane junction, Pembroke Street and Mill Lane with Trumpington Street. How people avoid being killed daily is always a marvel to me. It would be so easy to control these with traffic operated signal lights – D. McClure Campbell

### **1950**

1953 05 13

Dr A.L. Peck lectured to Cambridge Antiquarian Society on old street lamps of Cambridge, using a collection of lantern slides to illustrate many of the distinctive types of lamp standard, most of which can be date back to 1840 and can still be seen in the streets. They are some of the finest and most varied to be found in any part of the country and merit preservation as valuable examples of the iron founder's work. The most remarkable is one in New Street which for over 50 years stood in front of the Pitt Press in Trumpington Street

1955 02 05

Magistrates were told that the Royal Hotel, Trumpington Street, Cambridge had been granted a restricted licence in 1938, permitting them to sell drinks to residents and persons partaking of meals, but no person could go in solely for a drink. This could now be waived. It caused the management some embarrassment. The hotel was a convenient place for motorists and passers-by and to go to other hotels a driver had to plunge into the centre of the town with its maze of one-way streets. Guests came from Addenbrooke's Hospital and Brooklands Avenue. It would not become 'a drinking house camouflaged as a residential hotel'. 55 02 05

1955 08 18

An 80-year-old Cambridge man returned to his native city from which he left for Canada at the beginning of the century. His verdict: "I don't like it so much today – it's too crowded". A.H. Hardwick called into the Little Rose in Trumpington Street alongside the tailoring and gown-making business which his father ran. He had 11 brothers and sisters, one of whom also emigrated to Canada. 55 08 18b

1957 04 06

A Penguin Bookshop has opened opposite the University Press in Trumpington Street. This is an innovation by Heffers for they will devote the entire shop to the display and sale of the thousand titles at present in print. The shop has been designed by Peter Bicknell who has preserved the pleasant original stone front whilst making the inside both gay and light. 57 04 06b

***1960s The Cambridgeshire Collection has newspaper cuttings files from this date***

### **1960**

1961 03 10

Gabor Cossa was for many years a professional ballet dancer. He studied at Heidelberg and Leipzig Universities before touring with the Kurt Jooss ballet company and came to Cambridge in 1942. When the company closed in 1947 he opened an antique shop in Trumpington Street and finds his

work of immense enjoyment. He still retains his interest in the theatre and recently played his silent piano on the television programme 'Candid Camera' 61 03 10b

1961 05 29

Westminster Bank opened their first Cambridge branch at the junction of Trumpington Street and Bene't Street in 1845. It was closely connected with University and College life and the original premises have been enlarged several times. Now a continued expansion in business has seen a handsome new bank in St Andrew's Street together with the modernisation of the one in Fitzroy Street which opened in 1952 to cater for that active and expanding shopping area 61 05 29a

1961 10 23

Nearly 300 people had the distinction of being the first out-patients to attend clinics at the new Addenbrooke's Hospital. Long before nine they were filing into the spacious entrance hall and being dispersed to six clinic suites each of which has a receptionist to prepare them for the consultation. Only a few clinics remain at Trumpington Street, including orthopaedics, radiotherapy and psychiatry. By January it is hoped to have nearly all the wards transferred 61 10 23

1965 07 29

Cambridge University Press's move from its present buildings in Trumpington Road to Shaftsbury Road has been planned in three stages 63 07 29

1969 07 04

P.O. Reed, hairdresser started 53 Trumpington St, 1946 to Mill Road, then King St etc – history – 69 07 04

## **1970**

1973 08 27

The second oldest business in Cambridge, G.P. Jones, the grocer of Trumpington Street closed down at the weekend. They were established in 1623, three years after the oldest business in the city, Bowes and Bowes. Now the old-world grocery shop, famous for their blends of teas and statuesque tea jars, will become a fine art shop. Mr Sidney Jones looks back with resignation to the days when the shop had its own tea blending room before the war and produced over 20 blends. He said, "It was inevitable that the grocery had to close as our regular customers became fewer and fewer. More people have come in to try and buy the jars and old furniture of the shop but I'm not parting with it for the moment"

1977 11 11

A Cambridge tailors, James Neal Ltd, which has been in Cambridge for 107 years, has been taken over by another tailors which is even older. The firm which has bought out the Trumpington Street business is Ede and Ravenscroft which started trading in 1689. It specialises in ceremonial and academic robes and is a leading manufacturer of wigs and legal wear

## **1980**

1981 08 28

The wired radio system at Old Addenbrooke's Hospital in Trumpington Street was installed in 1952 after a public appeal organised by the News. Originally it provided the BBC Home and Light programme. The name Radio Addenbrooke's was coined in 1954 when Toc H. started football commentaries which were recorded on tape and late related to patients. Then in 1956 Don Hale started a record request programme. When the new hospital opened a studio was also provided by public subscription. 81 08 28

1985 02 07

The Old Addenbrooke's Hospital site in Trumpington Street has been bought by Cambridge University for a record £5.75 million – double the expected price. This reflects nationwide interest in what is the last major site likely to become available in the central area. There had been a gentleman's agreement to give the university first refusal when the old hospital closed, but East Anglian Regional Health Authority decided to go out to tender. It will now be used for expanding university teaching, research and laboratory departments. 85 02 07

1985 07 23

The Little Rose in Trumpington Street, believed to be one of the oldest pubs in Cambridge dating back to 14th century has been totally refurbished. The Brewhouse has been converted into an open-sided loggia with climbing roses and the oldest room has an inglenook fireplace with nooks and crannies giving a convivial atmosphere. Worthington best bitter and Charrington IPA will be served together with a range of pub grub including jacket potatoes and a choice of cheeses 85 07 23

1987 05 08

The Little Rose in Trumpington Street, a 17th-century listed building, may be converted into a restaurant by its owners, Peterhouse. The Campaign for Real Ale say it is extremely popular and one of the few Bass Charrington pubs in the area. The brewery is disappointed. It is one of the oldest licensed premises in Cambridge and they thought there was a strong case for retaining it, extending the eating facilities in line with demand 87 05 08

1987 05 21

Ben Hayward opened a small bicycle and electrical business in Cambridge in 1912. Today it is still going strong as a bicycle specialist at its premises in Trumpington Street maintaining a tradition of good service and friendliness. They can build a bicycle especially for you, assembling the whole machine to create something unique and if necessary a frame can be made by a company in Leeds. Customers also get a free first service done by the firm's own workshop in Laundress Lane 87 05 21b

1987 07 16

The first of a series of new University buildings planned for the Old Addenbrooke's Hospital site in Trumpington Street has finally won approval. The saga started 30 years ago when the University decided to purchase the site from the East Anglian Regional Health Authority. But development plans have left various factions feuding and bitter. The University initially wanted to demolish the old hospital – despite the city council having made it a listed building. Now Coun Andrew Duff has suggested housing a new Arts Theatre and the University Centre of Management Studies in the main ward block 87 07 16

1988 06 07

The Little Rose in Trumpington Street, until recently one of Cambridge's oldest pubs, has reopened as a restaurant. The building dates back to the 14th century and boasts rare examples of domestic Tudor architecture. Now the interior has been refurbished and many of the old timbers are exposed for the first time. A cocktail bar has been installed and a spacious new conservatory added. 88 06 07a

1989 08 17

Booming high-tech Cambridge is set to become a world centre for business studies. The university is planning a new Institute of Management Studies based at the old Addenbrooke's Hospital site in Trumpington Street to rival Stanford in the USA as a major international business centre. There will be a new Professorship and three new courses, filling a gap in management education for high-fliers. First students will be admitted in 1991 89 08 17